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Plan Features	Alternative A (No Action)	Alternative B	Alternative C	Alternative D	Alternative E	Alternative F
Biological Resource Actions • Biological Resource Actions • Biological Resource Actions • Biological Resource Actions • Biological Resource Actions • Biological Resource Actions						
Treat Invasive Species	Treat 9,000 acres annually.	Treat 18,000 acres annually.	Treat 13,000 acres annually.	11,000 acres treated annually	12,000 acres treated annually	Treat 18,000 acres annually.
Restore Upland Habitat	Restore 500 acres annually.	Restore 6,000 acres annually.	Restore 4,000 acres annually.	Restore 2,000 acres annually.	Restore 3,000 acres annually.	Restore 6,000 acres annually.
Restore Rattlesnake Mountain Summit	The DOE to remove unused military buildings and restore the site.	The DOE to remove unused military buildings, including the observatory, and restore the site.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative B.
Protect, Manage and Restore Riparian and Aquatic Areas	Treat 1,166 acres over the life of the CCP.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.
Cultural Resource Actions • Cultural Resource Actions • Cultural Resource Actions • Cultural Resource Actions • Cultural Resource Actions • Cultural Resource Actions						
Cultural Resource Management	No cultural resource plan currently exists.	Develop a cultural resource management plan with tribes and stakeholders.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.
Monument-Specific Policies for Artifact Recovery and Human Remains Discovery	No specific procedures exist for recovered artifacts and inadvertent discoveries of human remains. Existing FWS regulations, policies and procedures are used.	Develop new, Monument-specific policies and procedures with tribes and stakeholders.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.
Cultural Resource Inventories	Cultural resource inventories are solely project-driven (e.g., for wildfire area rehabilitation).	Same as A, plus at least 1,000 additional acres inventoried annually.	Same as A, plus at least 750 additional acres inventoried annually.	Same as A, plus at least 500 additional acres inventoried annually.	Same as Alternative C.	Same as Alternative B.
Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access • Public Access						
Columbia River Corridor Unit	11,376 acres open.	8,955 acres open.	26,192 acres open.	Same as Alternative C.	25,650 acres open.	14,311 acres open. ¹
Rattlesnake Mountain Unit	Closed except by Special Use Permit.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A, plus one hiking trail established.	Same as Alternative A, plus two hiking trails established.	Same as Alternative D.	Same as Alternative A. ¹
Ringold Unit	3,076 acres open.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A. ¹
Saddle Mountain Unit	24,035 acres open.	21,391 acres open.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A. ¹
Wahluke Unit	29,326 acres open.	Open additional acres west end of unit, 35,111 acres open.	Open west end of unit, 57,647 acres open.	Same as Alternative C.	Same as Alternative C.	Same as Alternative C. ¹

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Recreational Uses and Facilities • Recreational Uses and Facilities • Recreational Uses and Facilities • Recreational Uses and Facilities • Recreational Uses and Facilities						
Big Game and Upland Game Hunting	56,437 acres open.	59,578 acres open.	67,117 acres open — plus 42,204 additional acres possibly open for elk population control on the Rattlesnake Unit. ³	67,117 acres open.	Same as Alternative D.	84,758 acres open. ¹
Waterfowl Hunting	Ringold Unit, WB-10 Ponds, and most north shore areas 1/4-mile from the high water mark open.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A. ¹
Fishing	9,307 surface acres open (8,955 on the Columbia River, 352 on the Bureau of Reclamation’s WB-10 ponds).	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A.	Same as Alternative A. ¹
Interpretative and Education Sites	Four primitive interpretive sites currently exist.	Up to ten new interpretive sites created.	Up to fifteen new interpretive sites created.	Up to twenty new interpretive sites created.	Same as Alternative C.	Same as Alternative B. ¹
Interpretative Trails	No interpretive trails exist.	Up to two interpretive trails created.	Up to four interpretive trails created.	Up to six interpretive trails created.	Same as Alternative C.	Same as Alternative B. ¹
Wildlife Photography Sites	No photography sites exist.	Same as Alternative A.	Up to two photography sites created.	Up to three photography sites created.	Up to two photography sites created.	Same as Alternative B.
Wildlife Observation Sites	One wildlife viewing site currently exists.	Up to six new wildlife viewing sites created.	Up to eight new wildlife viewing sites created.	Up to twelve new wildlife viewing sites created.	Same as Alternative C.	Same as Alternative B. ¹
Hiking Trails	Zero miles of designated hiking trails exist.	Create/designate up to 30 miles of trails.	Create/designate up to 100 miles of trails, including trails on the Rattlesnake Unit and sand dunes in the River Corridor Unit.	Create/designate up to 150 miles of trails, including trails on the Rattlesnake Unit and sand dunes in the River Corridor Unit.	Same as Alternative C, but only on the east half of the sand dunes in the River Corridor Unit.	Same as Alternative B. ¹
Campgrounds (Float-In/Drive-In)	No campgrounds.	No campgrounds, one proposed campground at the Ringold Fish Hatchery.	Three-six non-motorized boat-in sites; ² one proposed campground at the Ringold Fish Hatchery.	Three-six non-motorized boat-in sites; ² two developed campgrounds on the Monument (Vernita area and Near State Route 24); one proposed campground at the Ringold Fish Hatchery.	Three-six non-motorized boat-in sites; ² one developed campground (Vernita area); one proposed campground at the Ringold Fish Hatchery.	Same as Alternative B. ¹

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Boat Launching Facilities (Onsite and/or Adjacent to the Monument)	One developed (White Bluffs Boat Launch), one primitive (Vernita), one primitive (Ringold).	One developed (White Bluffs Boat Launch), one primitive (Vernita), one proposed developed (Ringold).	One developed (Vernita), one proposed developed (Ringold).	Three developed (White Bluffs, Vernita, South Shore launch), one proposed developed (Ringold).	One developed (Vernita), one non-motorized access only (White Bluffs Boat Launch), one proposed developed (Ringold).	One primitive (Vernita), one proposed developed (Ringold). ¹
Horseback Riding	Cross-country use allowed in portions of the proposed Ringold, Saddle Mountain and Wahluke Units (58,034 acres).	Allowed in the Ringold, Saddle Mountain and Wahluke Units but limited to existing roads and trails.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B.	Same as Alternative B. ¹
Motorized Vehicle Access (Does Not Include State/County Roads)	Saddle Mountain Road and roads on the Ringold and Wahluke Units open (25 miles).	Saddle Mountain Road closed at halfway point, roads on the Ringold and Wahluke Units same as Alternative A (19.5 Miles open).	Saddle Mountain Road closed, Wahluke Road to White Bluffs Boat Launch closed, Ringold Unit roads same as Alternative A (18 miles open).	Same as Alternative A plus two auto tour routes opened. Access roads opened to points on the south side of the river (37 miles open). ²	Same as Alternative C except Saddle Mountain and White Bluffs Roads remain open (23 miles open).	Same as Alternative B. ¹

1 - Use allowed/area open by permit only.

2 - Pending DOE clean-up.

3 - The DOE has determined that hunting in the Rattlesnake Unit is not consistent with its current mission. As the mission of the DOE changes, or as the current ownership situation changes, hunting may be desirable and possible for elk population management. This possibility is addressed under Alternative C.